

DEWITT COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Apr 18, 2024
6PM
DEWITT COUNTY BUILDING

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Matthews.

Roll call was answered by Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews. Myers and Deerwester were absent.

No one from Dove/RSVP showed up to speak to the Board.

Motion by Tilley second by Witte to approve the March 21, 2024, County Board meeting minutes. Aye: Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews. Motion Carried.

Motion by Matthews second by Ferguson to appoint Russell Pearl to the Farmer City Fire Protection District as trustee for a term to begin the second Tuesday of May 2024 and end the second Tuesday in May 2027. Aye: Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews. Motion Carried.

Motion by Matthews second by Werts to re-appoint Rodney D. Wilson as Trustee for Wapella Community Fire Protection District. His term expires on May 1, 2024, and will be reappointed for a 3-year term expiring on the first Monday of May 2027. Aye: Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews. Motion Carried.

Motion by Matthews second by Farris to re-appoint Danny R. Ferguson as Trustee for Weldon Community Fire Protection District. His term expires on May 1, 2024, and will be reappointed for a 3-year term expiring on the first Monday of May 2027. Aye: Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews. Motion Carried.

Motion by Matthews second by Prestegaard to re-appoint Kayla Wiggins as Trustee for Waynesville Community Fire Protection District. Her term expires on May 1, 2024, and will be reappointed for a 3-year term expiring on the first Monday of May 2027. Aye: Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews. Motion Carried.

Motion by Matthews second by Ferguson to re-appoint Charles W. Atten as Trustee for Clinton Community Fire Protection District. His term expires on May 1, 2024, and will be reappointed for a 3-year term expiring on the first Monday of May 2027. Aye: Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews. Motion Carried.

Carter told the Board that the Land Use Committee did not meet this month.

With Myers being absent, Matthews informed the Board that the Public Safety Committee did not meet this month.

Ferguson told the Board that the Property Committee had no quorum, so no meeting was held this month.

Prestegaard gave the Board a brief description of what was discussed at the current month's Road and Bridge meeting. Minutes from the Road and Bridge meeting are filed with these minutes.

Motion by Prestegaard second by Witte to approve the quote from Metal Culverts, Inc. in the amount of \$26,344.00 for the purchase of pipe culverts. Prestegaard told the Board that Mr. Mathon said the inventory was low and he wanted to order more to keep their stock up. He will be ordering 12 to 24 inches in size and the pipes will also be available to the Townships at cost. Aye: Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews. Motion Carried.

Matthews gave the Board a brief description of what was discussed at the current month's Marina meeting. He said they discussed the short-term lease at the Marina and a dredging project that CLSA has coming up. Matthews said the committee agreed that the dredging should wait until the sale of the Marina is done but they all agreed they would allocate money towards the dredging and then CLSA could work out the details of the project with the new owners. Minutes from the Marina meeting are filed with these minutes.

Tilley gave the Board a brief description of what was discussed at the current month's Finance meeting. Minutes from the Finance meeting are filed with these minutes.

Motion by Tilley second by Ferguson to pay all bills. Aye: Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews. Motion Carried.

Motion by Tilley second by Prestegaard to adopt Website Policy. Aye: Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews. Motion Carried.

Motion Tilley second by Ferguson to send notice to Jano Technologies that the County is seeking to switch to another IT management company. Aye: Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews. Motion Carried.

Motion by Tilley second by Prestegaard to proceed with switching IT management to Heart Technologies. Aye: Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews. Motion Carried.

Because no one from Dove/RSVP showed up to the meeting, the motion to adopt a County Proclamation for Volunteer Month was skipped.

Motion by Witte second by Tilley to approve Case S263-2024 – Rob Williamson is requesting a special use to build contractor/construction office shop for excavating/farm drainage business. The property is located at 14725 Harrold Point Road, Heyworth. Mr. Williamson was present and told the Board that he and his brother have an excavating company and are wanting to build a machine shed for storage. Aye: Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews. Motion Carried.

Motion by Witte second by Farris to approve Case S264-2024 – Steve Mayfield is requesting a special use to operate event venue to include lodging option. The property is located at 6724 Astor Rd, Clinton. Mr. Mayfield was present and told the Board that he has an old 1890's farmhouse on his property and instead of seeing it just sit there, he would like to put it to use. Aye: Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews. Motion Carried.

State's Attorney Markwell told the Board he received the final approval of the lease for the Marina. He informed the Board that the buyers have changed their business name and are now called Clinton Marina and Campground LLC. He also informed the Board that Dee Dee had received proof of the required insurance. He will let the Board know when he gets a closing date for the sale. The Board discussed setting up a special Board meeting to approve the lease and agreed on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 6:00pm in the Board room.

Witte suggested to the Board that they try to set up a meeting with ENEL, either by a zoom meeting or by having them come to a Board meeting to have a Q and A session with them concerning things like curtailment issues, lights not working and other concerns. Members agreed that it would be a good idea to reach out to ENEL to see what they can get set up.

Motion by Tilley second by Werts to adjourn at 6:38pm with all in favor.